

# THE INDEX.

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The BARBOUR COUNTY INDEX has a larger circulation among the cattle men of the south west than any other paper published; stock men can therefore see the advantage to be derived from inserting their brands.

## EXPLANATION.

It is not often that a publisher is compelled to omit an issue of his paper entirely—but this was the case with us last week. Owing to the severe storm that raged all over the State, we were unable to get our patents from Kansas City—and we did not have enough paper on hand to run off half sheets. We attempted to borrow or buy enough from our neighbor, the Cresset; but they either did not have it, or had no desire to accommodate us. We are very sorry that this thing should have occurred; but we did everything in our power to issue the paper, and the fault lies entirely with the elements.

The Temperance Bill has at last been signed up, and has become a law, to take effect from the first day of May.

A meeting of the cattle men of the Cherokee Strip, and others interested, is called for the 16th of March, at Caldwell, to take into consideration the spring round-ups.

The Herald says the Hutchinson Gold and Silver mining company is still on the boom. The vein of ore struck is about eighteen feet thick and has a pay streak of very rich ore averaging four feet thick.

The Kansas City Price Current is now a regular visitor at this office. It is a first-class paper, and if our friends on the range wish to keep posted on the prices of live stock, etc., they can not do better than to subscribe for the above named paper.

The National Police Gazette, of New York, has just put on an entire new dress, and added a new heading. Those who buy last Friday's issue will receive a double page illustration of the great fight between Heenan and Sayers, in England.

We welcome to our exchange list this week, the Kansas City Commercial Indicator. It "indicates" the affairs of the commercial world, and we would advise those who desire a paper of this character, to give the above a trial.

The creating of the new 16th Judicial District is bringing out many prospective candidates for the Judgeship. There are four or five already mentioned, but how many more legal lights have their eyes fixed on the prize, we are unable to say.

The bill creating the 16th Judicial District, was published in the Commonwealth of the 22d. This is but tardy justice to the people of the 9th District, but better late than never. For Judicial purposes, Comanche county is attached to Barbour. Another step in the right direction—for which Medicine Lodge may thank Geo. Orner.

Henry Mester, of Atton, Iowa, wants to know "what in the world is the reason that he does not receive the Index regularly—and says he can not possibly do without it." The Index is mailed regularly, with the exception of last week. We were compelled to omit that issue on account of not receiving our paper from Kansas City.

Our Representative, Hon. Geo. D. Orner, is a candidate for Judge of the 16th Judicial District. Geo. is an able jurist, a splendid fellow, socially, and being a Barbour county man, we trust he may carry off the prize. If Geo. is appointed to this high position, he will fill it with honor to himself and credit to his friends.

The following complimentary notice of the Hon. George, is from the Topeka correspondent of the Kinsley Republican: "A week ago it looked as though the choice (for the Judgeship) was between Strang and Nimocks, with the chances about equally divided, but unexpectedly Mr. Orner, of Barbour, dropped in, and he is proving a powerful competitor for the place. Well may the other gentlemen feel uneasy, for Mr. Orner is a man of pre-eminent ability, well versed in legal lore and an orator of some ability. He is not one of your sick-monkey kind of politicians who are all honey when seeking a place, and all dignity, wormwood and gall at other times. We admire a big hearted man, and such is Geo. D. Orner."

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## EFFECT OF THE STORM ON CATTLE.

Every storm that has visited this section this year has been pronounced by stock men as a little more severe than the preceding one. Whether this has been the result of imagination, or it has really been the case, we are not prepared to say; but certain it is that the rain and sleet storm of last week, was the most severe on stock of all kinds that we have had this season—in fact the oldest inhabitants inform us that they never saw such a storm in this country before. The faces of our merchants were long drawn out, and many cattle men would have sold out at a big discount. We have taken particular pains to learn what effect the storm has had on stock of all kinds, and we find that the loss will be nothing like what was predicted—but one thing is evident, the storm of sleet and rain has put cattle in such a shape that another such will kill hundreds of cattle in Barbour county. It is useless to longer deny the fact.

When the girls at Medicine Lodge want to have a real good time, they whistle up a number of dogs and go on a skunk or coon hunt.—[Kinsley Graphic.]

If the girls referred to don't send the Graphic man a good, loud valentine to pay for the above, we are mistaken in their grit.—[Newton Golden Gate.]

We can say without fear of successful contradiction, that the young ladies of Medicine Lodge have more personal charms and are possessed of more genuine, sound sense than those of any other town of its size in Kansas. The idea of the Graphic man saying that our girls are compelled to hunt skunks for pastime! It's too ridiculous!

The following is from the Wellington Press of a recent date: "Dr. P. A. Wood returned from St. Louis Saturday evening. He went there to hold a conference with the magnates of the Gould road. He learned that a road has been determined upon running from Independence to Arkansas City, thence through Hunnewell and Caldwell to Medicine Lodge."

So far as heard from, Hon. Geo. D. Orner, of Barbour county, is our candidate for Judge of the new 16th Judicial District.—[Hutchinson Herald.]

We are much pleased to see that Hon. Geo. D. Orner, of Barbour county, is taking such high rank in the legislature. Already he stands abreast of old stagers like Snoddy and Leggett.—[Authentic Journal.]

## Indian Territory Cattle Brands!

**L. E. ROCK.**  
Known as the half Diamond R brand. Same on left jaw of young cattle.  
P. O. Pond Creek Indian Territory. Range on Wagon Creek. 1-5

**F. A. ANBORN.**  
Known as Anchor brand, on either side of hip. Young cattle branded 5 on left jaw. Ear mark—half under crop of right, underhank in left. Ranch on Wagon creek. P. O. Pond Creek, Indian Territory. 7-11

**GREEVER, HOUGHTON & CO.**  
Ranch south of Cimarron, 70 miles south of Medicine Lodge. P. O. Medicine Lodge. Ear mark, saw tooth in each ear. 18

**WATKINS & SMITH.**  
Known as Curry Comb brand—anywhere on animal.  
P. O. Medicine Lodge. Ranch at Elm Springs. Ear mark, crop of left, underbit in right. 9-11

**EWELL BROS.**  
On both sides or hips. Ear marks, smooth crop of each ear.  
Ranch on Eagle chief. P. O. Kiowa. 10-11

**EWING BROS.**  
On left side. Dew-lap on all young stock. Some cattle branded U on right hip and some on left side.  
with trails N on right hip. Ear mark crop off right underbit in left. P. O. Kiowa. Ranch on Britwood. 19

**H. HODSON & CO.**  
Known as Flaming H on right hip or shoulder. Steers branded M on left side behind shoulder and cross on opposite side. Range on Cold Water Indian T. P. O. Hutchinson, Kas. 32

**IRA BOONE.**  
Also open A on right hip. Ear marks, crop and 2 splits in left. Ranch on Britwood. P. O. Kiowa. 23

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Brands: Heart upside down on each side of hip. Another lot branded 3 on side and hip and rail on either hip—crop in left underhank in right. Some branded H on side and E on hip—crop and underbit each ear. Arrow brand on left hip—split in each ear.

**R. W. PHILLIPS.**  
On each side of left hip. ADDITIONAL BRANDS: Seven-Four connected, on left hip of me cattle.

**H. H. H.**  
H H on left hip, side and neck of some cattle. Horse brand, Seventy-Four—connected on left hip. P O Sun City.

**W. PAYNE.**  
P on each hip or left loin. H P connected on each side. Ear mark crop each ear and underbit in left. Horse brand P on left hip. P O Sun City.

**T. DORAN.**  
This brand on young cattle. J on both hips of cows. Post office Lake City.

**C. D. NELSON.**  
On both hips. Post office, Lake City.

**WM. BLAIR.**  
Post Office—Lake City.

**J. B. DOYLE.**  
Seventy-Six connected on left side behind shoulder or on neck.

**C. W. JAMES.**  
(In charge) Also half circle cross J on right hip. P O Lake City.

**G. KUTTRUFF.**  
Known as the spur brand.

**FRED TAIN-FOR.**  
Known as the T F connected.

**J. M. RAWLINS.**  
Also I bar on right side of young stock. Old stock no ear marks. Branded triangle R on left hip and I bar on right hip.

**W. R. COLCORD.**  
Known as the Jug brand. No ear marks.

**J. A. MCARTHUR.**  
On both hips. P O Lake City.

**JOHN WILSON.**  
Some cattle branded Ox Yoke W on left hip. Ear mark—underslope each ear.

**R. KIRK.**  
On both sides of animal. Some branded J bar on left side and A T on right side. Same ear mark as above.

All of the above cattle are held on Evans' range in Comanche county.

**D. P. CHAPMAN.**  
No ear marks. P. O., Medicine Lodge. Ranch on Cedar creek. 27

**C. C. PEPPER.**  
On hip and side. Ear marks, crop each ear, half slope in the left. Lawrence's Pepper's brand, same with underneath. P. O. Sun City. 22